

My husband and I are both Vietnam-era veterans and our son is on active duty in the US Coast Guard.

I am also classified by the VA as 100% permanently disabled and receive VA medical care and benefits. We are deeply interested in this election and the future of the freedom of this country.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Our entire history is based on freedom and the claims that we want the entire world to be free. That should begin right here with my right to freedom of speech and balanced news reporting to enable me to make an informed decision when I vote. Broadcasting media have a responsibility to offer balanced reporting.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media

ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.